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Subject: TASC Update
Date: 06/29/2009 11:02 PM

Luis - The TASC saga at SSFL never ends. See the last paragraph in Chris Rowe's email below. I do not recommend that you go to WHNC to provide additional information. Our TASC Information Session on May 26 provided all the needed info and then some.

FYI, last week, I spoke with Dan H about several issues including TASC. He now says that he MAY have a different opinion and that perhaps he could support a TASC program at SSFL if:

1. The TA was acceptable to the "community" (i.e. someone like Peter Strauss or similar. Note: I contacted Terry B of E-Squared and she confirmed that Peter S is in her TA database)
2. The TA would truly independently review documents such as EPA SAP's and Boeing's RCRA RFI reports for Area 5 (that covered Rad Operations areas)
3. R9 could guarantee that the TA would have sufficient funding each year to do a "sufficient amount of work" each year.

I just took notes to Dan's statements and did not pursue the topic further. He said that it was "EPA's fault" with the manner that TASC was presented to the community; otherwise he would not have responded so negatively at first. Hmmmm. He did not raise (nor did I) the primary looming issue of the various factions working together in a non-devisive manner and agreeing on topics for the TA to work on. Personally, despite Dan's apparent change of position I am still not convinced that the core issues concerning the community factors are solved here. Have you been able to speak with Karen Martin about this? Have you reached your position on this topic? Note: Our next EPA Public Meeting is July 15 and the next CWG is July 29. We will definately get quizzed/grilled about our decision on TASC at both meetings. I suggest that we start putting together our draft email regarding our decision on TASC? This draft email will likely need review by several folks so we should get started on it this week. Do you have time to start a draft email for internal review this week?

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To: Craig Cooper/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
 From: **FX-6 Personal Privacy**
 Date: 06/29/2009 11:57AM
 Subject: Re: Return of your FOIA to DOE

Craig,

I should be home tomorrow - the 30th, from about 11:00 - 1:00 PM. I would love to meet you for lunch if you have the time.

When I am not home, my husband should be home after about 1:30 PM. He is a college professor, and he only has one class right now. So you could leave the documents with him. And if you call first, if he is napping, then he would be at the door when you come.

I really want the TASC group involved, but my Board just does not understand it. Is there anyway to get Luis back down here to the SSMAC on July 27th?

Thank you.

Chris

In a message dated 6/29/2009 9:50:54 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov writes:

Good morning Chris - Thank you for providing me with a copy of DOE's response (dated March 18, 2009) to your FOIA concerning the SSFL site. I have scanned this information and will return the hard copies to you. It happens that I will be at the SSFL on June 30th for a meeting and can stop by your house some time in the late afternoon/evening of June 30th.

I don't know the exact time I will be able to drop by so if you are not home is there a secure place that I can leave these documents (such as under your front door mat).

Thanks,
Craig

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